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1955-56 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MINUTES

OF SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

The sixteenth annual session of the N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with Mount Allen Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C., Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, 1955. The theme of this session was *"In His Steps."* The text used was 1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1955

Registration of delegates, visitors, ministers and officers was held from 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock.

The morning session was opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Albert Coates. Rev. Herman Hersey, vice-president, presided over the morning session with Rev. Wayne Smith giving the invocation. The welcome address was given by Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Allen Junior College. The response was by Mr. Hayes Pait.

Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Wilbert Everton, using John 4:19-24 as his Scripture text. His subject was "In His Steps in Worship."

At this time Rev. Hersey called the convention into a short, introductory business session.

Minutes of Executive Board meetings of September 15, 1954, and January 27, 1955, were read and approved by motion duly made and carried. Also the minutes of Executive Board meeting of March 16, 1955, were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee	Name	Church	County	Conference
Finance	Mr. S. W. McCoy Jr., *Chm.*	Cove City	Craven	Eastern
	Mrs. C. A. Eubanks	Hugo	Lenoir	Central
	Mrs. Oliver Smith	Stoney Creek	Wayne	Western
Digest of Reports	Mrs. W. P. Bunn, *Chm.*	Wilson	Wilson	Western
	Rev. Fred Hersey	West Clinton	Sampson	Cape Fear
	Mr. W. L. Brickhouse	Sound Side	Tyrrell	Albemarle
Resolutions	Rev. C. H. Overman, *Chm.*	Spring Branch	Greene	Central
	Mr. Lloyd Wiggs	Rose Bud	Wilson	Western
	Mrs. Robert Parris	Cramerton	Gaston	Piedmont
Nominating	Rev. W. E. Renfrow, *Chm.*	Pleasant Plain	Johnston	Western
	Rev. Roy Rikard	Cramerton	Gaston	Piedmont
	Rev. R. H. Jackson	Davis	Carteret	Eastern
	Rev. James A. Evans	Sound Side	Tyrrell	Albemarle
	Mr. Charles T. Beaman	Spring Branch	Greene	Central
	Rev. Billy Morris	Hopewell	Johnston	Cape Fear
	Mrs. Lucille Lance	Horney Heights	Buncombe	Blue Ridge
	Mrs. George Suggs	White Oak	Bladen	Pee Dee

The president's message was delivered by the president, Rev. Raymond Sasser. He used as his theme "Forward In His Steps," using Numbers 13:25 for his Scripture text. Rev. Sasser listed four ways in which we might go forward "In His Steps":

1. Forward "In His Steps" with a Spiritual Awakening.
2. Forward "In His Steps" with Education.
3. Forward "In His Steps" with Missions.
4. Forward "In His Steps" with the Sunday School United Program.

The morning worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Take My Life and Let It Be," followed with a solo, "Teach Me to Pray," by Mrs. Frank Hawkins, music instructor for Mount Allen College.

The convention message was delivered by Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, N. C. He was introduced by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Goldsboro, N. C. Rev. Campbell used Scripture from Psalm 1 for his text; Subject, "In His Steps."

There was an offering received in the amount of $145.93 for Mount Allen College. Rev. Burkette Raper blessed the offering and offered grace for the noon meal.

The convention was adjourned until 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Rev. Willie Renfrow whose subject was "In His Steps in Praise." The congregation sang "Praise Him! Praise Him!" followed with prayer by Rev. Chester Phillips.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, past president of the North Carolina State Convention of Churches, brought greetings from the State Convention.

Rev. C. H. Overman, secretary of the North Carolina League Convention, made some remarks concerning the League Convention. He urged each church with a league to be represented at the State League Convention this year which convenes with Mount Allen College.

Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., brought a very inspiring and sad message to the convention. He stated that he was leaving his work at the orphanage in May, 1955. Rev. R. H. Jackson, the incoming superintendent, brought a few words of greeting.

Mrs. Raymond Sasser, secretary of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, gave a brief report from the Auxiliary Convention.

At this time Rev. Burkette Raper made a request for the Sunday schools to pledge to pay for the seats in the auditorium at Mount Allen College. The response was great with more than enough pledges to pay for the seats. Rev. Raper stated that if they received more than enough to pay for the seats, they would use the amount to repair them.

Rev. Joe Fort, editor of Free Will Baptist publications, brought greetings from the Press at Ayden, N. C. He gave to the convention some interesting information concerning the writing of the Sunday school literature. We were also urged to purchase the needed material for our Sunday schools from the Free Will Baptist Press.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Wayne Smith, and we were dismissed until the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened with congregational singing. Rev. J. B. Starnes conducted the devotional period using "In His Steps in Evangelistic Endeavor" as his subject. We were favored with a solo by Rev. Starnes, followed with a duet by Miss Barbara Woodall and Rev. Jack Paramore, students of Mount Allen College.

Rev. Roy Rikard of Cramerton, N. C., brought the message of the evening.

The closing hymn, "Jesus Is Calling," was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Herman Hersey.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1955

The morning session was opened with congregational singing. The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Daniel Merkh of Durham, N. C. He used as his subject "In His Steps in Prayer." Rev. Jack Paramore sang a solo, "No One Cares Like Jesus."

Rev. J. E. Wooten, resident manager of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., gave a report about the work at Cragmont. He named several items that are much needed and stated that any items contributed by individuals or Sunday schools would be greatly appreciated. Rev. J. A. Evans, president of Cragmont, delivered a copy of the auditor's report for our files.

The denominational enterprise period was directed by Rev. Hubert Burress. Rev. M. L. Johnson represented the Church Finance Association and the State Superannuation Board. He gave many interesting facts pertaining to the work of both boards.

Rev. Jack Paramore, a student at Mount Allen College, brought greetings from the college. He gave a personal testimony and told us "why he loved Mount Allen College." He also coveted the earnest prayers of the people for himself and the college.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy represented the State Mission Board with a brief report.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, secretary of the Central Second Union Sunday School Convention, gave an interesting report from the convention.

Mr. W. P. Bunn, president of the Second Western Sunday School Convention, gave the district convention report.

There was special prayer at this time for Mr. Walter Sandlin, New Bern, N. C., who is sick. Mr. Sandlin has been a very active and faithful member of the Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention and is now serving as its president.

First Session: Annual Sunday School Institute

Subject, "In His Steps in Denominational Wide Sunday School Endeavor." Rev. Albert Coates, director of state field work, presided over this session. The convention was given a very detailed report of the work done by Rev. Ballard, the field secretary. (See report.) Rev. Ballard was given a unanimous rising vote of thanks for the splendid job he had done.

Second Session: Annual Sunday School Institute

Subject, "In His Steps Toward Better Sunday Schools." Rev. Herman Hersey, vice-president of the convention, presided over this session.

Rev. Burkette Raper talked on the subject, "Christ-Centered Worship Programs," stressing the importance of the Sunday school devotional periods.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy used for his subject, "Christ-Exalting Teaching Methods." He suggested five methods to use in teaching which are very helpful, as follows: story telling, recitation, discussion, lecturing and research.

General Business Session

Mr. Milton Wiggs, convention treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. (See report.) Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Mr. W. L. Brickhouse gave the finance report in the absence of Mr. S. M. McCoy, chairman of Finance Committee. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. Raymond Sasser, in the absence of the chairman. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

The Digest of Reports Committee report was given by Mrs. W. P. Bunn, chairman of committee. (See report.) Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion that all money sent to Sunday School Convention be sent by check or money order. Motion carried.

Report of Registration Committee by Mr. Dennis Wiggs. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion that the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention-Institute convene with Mount Allen Junior College for the 1956 session. Motion carried.

Motion that the Executive Board approve the minutes and have them printed. Motion carried.

Rev. W. E. Renfrow, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the committee's report. (See report.) Motion to accept the report. Motion carried.

Rev. J. C. Griffin conducted the installation service, giving the officers and directors of the convention a great challenge for the new year.

Rev. Earl Glenn conducted the closing devotions, his theme: "In His Steps In Service."

The closing hymn was "Blest Be The Tie." We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Earl Glenn.

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, *President*
Owen Thomas, *Secretary*

Treasurer's Report

April 23, 1954, through March 14, 1955

Amount on Hand, Close of Convention, April 23, 1954	$1,078.60	
Received Through Mail for United Program	2,232.04	
Received from Free Will Baptist Press	122.17	
Offerings	38.25	
Received from Sale of Sunday School Manuals	80.10	
Total Receipts		$3,551.16
Board Members Expenses	$ 8.10	
Printing	112.15	
Secretary Work	20.00	
United Program Expense	8.48	
Field Secretary's Travel Expense	353.08	
Field Secretary's Salary	1,375.00	
Field Secretary's Expense (Miscellaneous)	198.52	
Sunday School Reporter Expense	362.79	
Miscellaneous Disbursements	71.80	
Total Disbursements		2,509.92
Total on Hand, March 14, 1955		$1,041.24
Received at this Convention	$ 554.02	
Received after Convention	30.89	
Total Received		584.91
Total on Hand, March 18, 1955		$1,626.15

Treasurer's Report of United Program Receipts

Zone	County	School	Amount	Total For County	Total For Zone
1	Beaufort	Washington	$ 57.16	$ 57.16	$
1	Carteret	Edwards' Chapel	27.00		
1	Carteret	Davis	18.00	45.00	
1	Craven	St. Mary's	100.00		
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	47.50		
1	Craven	Core Creek	15.00	162.50	
1	Halifax	Dawson's Grove	1.85	1.85	
1	Washington	Mt. Olive	12.29	12.29	278.80
2	Duplin	Pearsall's Chapel	61.94		
2	Duplin	Sarecta	13.50		
2	Duplin	Snow Hill	7.50	119.97	
2	Duplin	Warsaw	22.44		
2	Duplin	Cabin	11.59		
2	Duplin	Kenansville	3.00		
2	Durham	Edgemont	50.02	50.02	
2	Edgecombe	Rocky Mount	117.44		
2	Edgecombe	Tarboro	11.00	128.44	
2	Greene	Hull Road	40.00		
2	Greene	Spring Branch	21.05		
2	Greene	Howell Swamp	15.00	76.05	
2	Harnett	Prospect	27.00	27.00	
2	Johnston	Bethel	34.69		
2	Johnston	Friendship	16.00		
2	Johnston	Holly Springs	52.78		
2	Johnston	Hopewell	26.39		
2	Johnston	Kenly	31.69		
2	Johnston	Micro	58.00		
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plains	92.71		
2	Johnston	Rain's Cross Roads	47.11		
2	Johnston	Selma	22.00		
2	Johnston	Stancil's Chapel	16.63		
2	Johnston	Smithfield	48.00		
2	Johnston	Yelverton's Grove	5.00	451.00	
2	Jones	Pilgrim's Home	57.33		
2	Jones	Whaley's Chapel	18.00	75.33	
2	Lenoir	Christian Chapel	17.78		
2	Lenoir	Dailey's Chapel	32.09		
2	Lenoir	Deep Run	61.44		
2	Lenoir	Hugo	25.85	137.16	
2	Nash	Barnes' Hill	33.09		
2	Nash	Rock Spring	9.43		
2	Nash	Mt. Zion	5.03		
2	Nash	White Oak Hill	5.00		
2	Nash	Free Union	2.00		
2	Nash	Flood's Chapel	1.00	55.55	
2	Onslow	Jacksonville	40.00	40.00	
2	Wake	Tippett's Chapel	35.48		
2	Wake	Raleigh	2.00	37.48	
2	Wayne	Fremont	47.90		
2	Wayne	Grant's Chapel	3.38		
2	Wayne	Spring Hill	34.70		
2	Wayne	Stoney Creek	37.38	123.36	
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp	51.67		
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill	28.13		
2	Wilson	Owens' Chapel	49.66		
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	30.16		
2	Wilson	Saratoga	42.77		
2	Wilson	Wilson	99.57		
2	Wilson	Daniel's Chapel	35.98	337.94	
2	Pitt	Ayden	71.64		
2	Pitt	Sweet Gum Grove	10.00	81.64	1,740.94
3	Bladen	Oak Grove	12.75	12.75	12.75
4	Gaston	Cramerton	145.90	145.90	145.90
5	Haywood	Canton	10.00	10.00	10.00
5	Buncombe	Swannanoa	43.65	43.65	53.65
	Grand Total, Receipts Mailed in		$2,232.04	$2,232.04	$2,232.04

Report of Digest of Reports Committee

87 Sunday schools, 4 district conventions, 8 conferences; No. classes, 617; No. classrooms, 468; six point records, 14 yes—73 no; enrollment, 12,652; averages—present, 8,589, on time, 5,136; studied lesson, 3,272; made offering, 5,025; brought Bibles, 2,382; attend church, 5,063; number Sunday school councils held, 268; number study courses held, 33; number of delegates to Cragmont Conference, 35.

Contributions to Denominational Enterprises

Orphanage	$7,709.67
Missions	1,903.85
Superannuation	389.87
Education	2,088.36
Church Finance	560.63
Cragmont	395.00
State Promotional	134.12
Sunday School United Program	1,567.38
Contributions to this session of State S. S. Convention	424.09

Mrs. W. P. Bunn, *Chairman*
Rev. Fred Hersey
Mr. W. L. Brickhouse

Report of the Finance Committee

Received at this Convention ..... $ 408.09

S. M. McCoy Jr., *Chairman*
Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
Mrs. Oliver Smith

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Be it Resolved: that we extend to Mount Allen Junior College a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown to this convention.

Rev. C. H. Overman, *Chairman*
Mrs. Robert Parris
Mr. Lloyd Wiggs

Report of the Director of Field Secretary Work for 1954-55

Ministers, Delegates and Friends,

As the director of the field secretary work of your State Convention-Institute, I shall endeavor to bring you a brief summary of the work that has been done this year.

I know that we become very bored sometimes with a lot of figures, but I remind you that all the figures that I give you have a bearing upon our convention work. After I have finished this report I shall be glad to have you ask any question that you have in mind regarding our field work.

Brother Ballard and I have tried to plan a schedule of work for the field secretary to follow, which would reach the most of our Sunday schools wherein we had requests to come. If your Sunday school hasn't been reached through our clinics or study courses and you desire some help through our department, then we request you to make your desires known to us in writing so that we may schedule a meeting with you this year.

This is a summary of work done by your field secretary:

Office work, 60 hours per month; individual letters written (inquiries), 284; total pieces of mail sent out, 15,136; over 1,000 copies of The Sunday School Reporter sent out per month; Sunday school clinics held, 23; number attending Sunday school clinics and rallies, approximately 400; other visits and contacts, 58; held two youth conferences at Cragmont with 129 in attendance, (taught Sunday School Manual at both); did personal contact work regarding four mission Sunday schools; attended five fellowship suppers; attended National Convention in behalf of state Sunday school work; attended State Association; spoke at Central District Sunday School Convention; spoke at Second Western Sunday School Convention; and spoke at the Third Eastern District Sunday School Convention.

The treasurer's report shows that these services cost the convention the following:

Traveling Expenses	$ 353.08
Sunday School Reporter	362.79
Miscellaneous Expenses (Mailing Permits, Filing Cabinet and $57.70 to Rev. Raymond Sasser for Traveling Expenses)	198.52
Salary	1,375.00
Mailing Machine and Supplies	71.80
Total Cost of Field Secretary and Field Equipment	$2,361.19

Do you think we can better this? I say we can't. I venture to say that we can't match it in service for so little. Do you think this is our limit? We are happy with the progress for this year, but we need a man on the field, full time, but we cannot do any more than you let us. Please be an ambassador for this cause wherever you go. Ask others if they are supporting the 10% giving and urge them to begin.

Thank you,

ALBERT COATES, *Director*

Report of the Nominating Committee

Officers

President	Rev. Raymond T. Sasser
Vice-President	Rev. Herman Harsey
Secretary	Owen Thomas
Treasurer	Milton Wiggs

Directors

Organization	Rev. Ralph Staten

Denominational Enterprises	Rev. Hubert Burress
Publicity	Rev. Chester Phillips
Records and Reports	Mr. Lemmie Taylor
Literature	Rev. Charles Keith
Field Secretary Program	Rev. Albert T. Coates
Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Stockholder, Expiring 1958	Mrs. Bynum Lance

By the committee,

Rev. Willie Renfrow, *Chairman*
Rev. Roy Rikard
Rev. R. H. Jackson
Rev. James A. Evans
Mr. Charles T. Beaman
Rev. Billy Morris
Mrs. Lucille Lance
Mrs. George Suggs

List of Schools Representing March 17, 18, 1955
Mount Allen Junior College

Zone	County	School	Contribution	Conference
1	Beaufort	Trinity	$	Albemarle
1	Carteret	Stacy	10.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Core Creek	3.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Bridgeton	10.00	Eastern
1	Craven	Ruth's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
1	Hertford	Hickory Chapel		Albemarle
1	Tyrrell	Sound Side	10.00	Albemarle
1	Tyrrell	Malachi's Chapel	10.00	Albemarle
1	Washington	Mt. Olive	5.00	Albemarle
1	Washington	Plymouth	5.50	Albemarle
2	Duplin	Pearsall's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Cabin	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Sandy Run	5.00	Eastern
2	Duplin	Sarecta	10.00	Eastern
2	Durham	Edgemont		Western
2	Durham	Sherron Acres	10.00	Western
2	Edgecombe	Rocky Mount		Central
2	Greene	Sts. Delight		Central
2	Greene	Howell Swamp	15.00	Central
2	Greene	Hull Road		Central
2	Greene	Spring Branch	5.00	Central
2	Greene	Friendship	10.00	Central
2	Greene	Little Creek	8.59	Central
2	Harnett	Prospect		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Holly Springs	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Friendship		Western
2	Johnston	Selma	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Smithfield		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Lanwood Chapel		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Hopewell	2.00	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Kenly	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	St. Mary's Grove		Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Bethel	5.0	Cape Fear
2	Johnston	Micro	10.0	Western
2	Johnston	Pleasant Plain	10.	Western
2	Johnston	Branch Chapel	5.00	Western
2	Johnston	Raine's Cross Roads	6.39	Western
2	Jones	Whaley's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Jones	Pilgrim's Home	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Hugo	7.50	Central
2	Lenoir	Dailey's Chapel	10.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Smith's New Home	3.00	Eastern
2	Lenoir	Deep Run		Eastern

2	Martin	Rose of Sharon		Central
2	Nash	Orphanage Memorial Chapel	5.00	Western
2	Nash	Free Union	5.00	Western
2	Nash	White Oak Hill	3.00	Western
2	Onslow	Jacksonville		Eastern
2	Onslow	Folkstone	5.00	Eastern
2	Onslow	Verona	2.00	Eastern
2	Onslow	Snead's Ferry	5.00	Eastern
2	Onslow	Verona	3.00	Eastern
2	Pitt	Piney Grove		Central
2	Pitt	Marlboro		Central
2	Pitt	Grifton		Central
2	Pitt	Ayden	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Greenville		Central
2	Pitt	Grace	10.00	Central
2	Pitt	Elm Grove	10.00	Central
2	Pitt	King's Cross Roads	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Sweet Gum Grove		Central
2	Pitt	Reedy Branch	2.00	Central
2	Pitt	Dilda's Grove	5.00	Central
2	Pitt	Rose Hill	5.00	Central
2	Wake	Wooten's Chapel	2.00	Cape Fear
2	Wake	Raleigh	2.00	Cape Fear
2	Wayne	Goldsboro	10.00	Cape Fear
2	Wayne	Stoney Creek		Western
2	Wayne	Snow Hill		Eastern
2	Wayne	Rooty Branch	4.00	Eastern
2	Wayne	May's Chapel	5.00	Eastern
2	Wilson	Rose Bud	5.00	Western
2	Wilson	New Sandy Hill		Western
2	Wilson	Daniel's Chapel	10.00	Central
2	Wilson	St. Mary's	10.00	Western
2	Wilson	Marsh Swamp	3.00	Western
2	Wilson	Wilson		Western
2	Wilson	Owen's Chapel	8.00	Central
2	Wilson	Saratoga	10.00	Central
2	Wilson	Little Rock		Western
3	Bladen	Oak Grove	5.00	Pee Dee
3	Bladen	White Oak	10.00	Pee Dee
3	Rowan	Mable Avenue	10.00	Piedmont
4	Gaston	Cramerton	10.00	Piedmont
4	McDowell	Old Fort		Blue Ridge
5	Buncombe	Horney Heights	5.00	Blue Ridge
5	Buncombe	Swannanoa	5.00	Blue Ridge

Totals:

Zone 1: 6 Counties	10 Schools	$ 58.50	2 Conferences
Zone 2: 15 Counties	70 Schools	301.48	4 Conferences
Zone 3: 2 Counties	3 Schools	25.00	2 Conferences
Zone 4: 2 Counties	2 Schools	10.00	2 Conferences
Zone 5: 1 County	2 Schools	10.00	1 Conference

Grand Total: 5 Zones, 26 Counties, $404.98 Contributions and 11 Conferences.

District Sunday School Conventions

Second Union, Central	$ 10.00
Fifth Eastern	10.00
Second Western	10.00
Contributions	404.98
Total Receipts	$434.98

Digest of Registration Cards for 1955 State Sunday School Convention-Institute (By Conferences)

Conference	*Delegates*	*Ministers*	*Superintendents*	*Convention Officers*	*Visitors*	*Total Registered*
Albemarle	2	1			3	6
Blue Ridge	5					5
Cape Fear	10	6		3	16	35
Central	17	11	5	2	31	73
Eastern	24	8	9	2	47	90
Piedmont	4	2	1		2	9
Pee Dee		2	3		1	6
Western	26	9	2	4	28	69
Totals	88	38	28	11	128	293

Largest Number in Attendance ..... Eastern Conference
Largest Number of Ministers ..... Central Conference
Largest Number of Superintendents and Visitors ..... Eastern Conference

Minutes of Executive Board Meetings

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION-INSTITUTE

September 15, 1954

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute met on Wednesday night, September 15, 1954, at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., in joint session with the Board of Trustees and Stockholders representing our convention for Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by the president and prayer was led by Rev. Roy Rikard.

The roll was called with six members absent. Rev. S. A. Smith was appointed proxy for Rev. Herman Hersey, vice-president; Mrs. A. C. Taylor was appointed proxy for Mrs. Herman Hersey, director of records and reports; Mr. W. P. Bunn was appointed proxy for Albert T. Coates, director of field work program; Mrs. W. P. Bunn was appointed proxy for Rev. Wayne Smith, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., stockholder.

Minutes of the 1954 session were adopted as printed. Motion carried.

Motion to read minutes of each session at the end of the session for approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Milton Wiggs, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Motion made and carried to accept the report.

The president read the contract between the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., and our convention. Motion made to approve the above mentioned contract. Motion passed with unanimous vote for secretary to send copy of minutes to the Press.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning a historian for the convention. Motion made that Rev. Hubert Burress be named historian and be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. Motion that convention pay necessary expenses incurred in this work. Motion carried.

The change of time for the annual session was discussed. Motion made that the time for the convention be on Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in March, this being one month before the usual time of the convention.

Motion made that the secretary and treasurer draw up a Constitutional Amendment to provide for the duties of the trustees of our property at Cragmont, and present them to the Executive Board at next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Board of Trustees for Cragmont Assembly property present a list of suggestions for the use of the lots which we have leased to the next Executive Board meeting. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on making posters available to be used in the local

Sunday schools for training purposes. Motion that our field secretary and president precede in securing the above mentioned posters, if this can be done for a reasonable amount. If not, they are to report their findings to the Executive Board at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Rev. L. E. Ballard gave an oral report concerning his field work. Due to the youth conferences at Cragmont he has done a great deal of work in the western part of the state. Brother Ballard stated that the people were accepting his work in a wonderful way. There was a suggestion that the next issue of The Sunday School Reporter deal largely with the use of study courses in the Sunday schools.

Motion to adjourn with benediction by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

January 27, 1955

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute met Wednesday, January 27, 1955, at the Wilson Church, in conjunction with the Ministers' Conference.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by motion.

Motion that we change the time for this year's session to March 17 and 18, in order to cooperate with Mount Allen Junior College and its spring holidays. This will give us complete use of the college property. Motion carried.

Motion that this year's theme be "In His Steps." A rough draft of the program was planned, with Rev. L. E. Ballard as chairman of the committee to complete the program. Mr. Lemmie Taylor and Mr. Raymond Sasser were elected to serve on the committee. Motion carried.

Motion made that plans be made for a manual for fellowship suppers to be written by Rev. Herman Hersey, editor, and Rev. L. E. Ballard, consultant. Motion carried.

Those present for the meeting were: Raymond T. Sasser, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hersey, Rev. L. E. Ballard, Lemmie Taylor, Rev. Hubert Burress, Rev. Albert Coates and Milton Wiggs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer.

March 16, 1955

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute met on Wednesday night, March 16, 1955, at Mount Allen Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.

The meeting was called to order and the opening prayer offered by the president, Mr. Raymond Sasser.

The roll was called with all members present except Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hersey and Mr. Oscar Webster. Mr. Fountain Taylor, a member of the Board of Trustees of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., was present.

The minutes of the Executive Meeting of January 27, 1955, were read and approved.

Mr. Milton Wiggs gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted.

Motion that Mr. Raymond Sasser contact the Free Will Baptist Press in regards to commissions due from the sale of Sunday School Manuals and literature. Motion carried.

The committee which was appointed to secure appropriate posters for teaching and training purposes gave its report. There has been no definite arrangements for the posters to be obtained as yet; however, the work is being continued.

Rev. Albert T. Coates, chairmen of field secretary work, gave an interesting report on the work of the field secretary for the past year.

Motion to accept the report of the committee which was appointed to draw up a Constitutional Amendment to provide for the duties of the trustees for the convention property at Cragmont Assembly. The report is as follows:

Article VI

Trustees for convention property at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall hold titles of lots at Cragmont and shall transact the business of the lots and the erecting of buildings on the lots or other property, as directed by this convention.

Article VII

Trustees for convention property leased at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and all property that might be leased or purchased in the future, shall be elected for an indefinite term.

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